

An. Code, 1924, sec. 301. 1912, sec. 365. 1904, sec. 330. 1888, sec. 230. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 135.

302. Any person connected with any such corporation in this State, either as clerk, operator, messenger, or in any other capacity, who shall wilfully divulge the contents or the nature of the contents of any private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or who shall wilfully refuse or neglect to transmit or deliver the same shall, on conviction before any court, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall suffer imprisonment in the jail in the county or city where such conviction shall be had, for a term of not more than three months, or shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 302. 1912, sec. 366. 1904, sec. 331. 1888, sec. 231. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 136.

303. If the wires or cords of any telegraph line be located or stretched, or extended from one post or pole to another in such manner as to prevent the owner of any timber growing along the line of such telegraph corporation from cutting and felling the same, and the owner thereof in cutting or felling such timber shall injure the wires, cords or posts of such telegraph line, he shall not be liable to an action for damages, unless it shall appear that in such cutting and felling, or in having the same cut or felled, the said owner wilfully and intentionally injured such wires, cords and posts.

See notes to sec. 294.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 303. 1912, sec. 367. 1904, sec. 332. 1888, sec. 232. 1884, ch. 360.

304. The provisions of the preceding sections, 294 to 303, both inclusive, in relation to telegraph companies, shall likewise apply to and have full force and effect in respect to telephone companies created under the provisions of this article.

A telegraph company organized prior to the act of 1884, ch. 360, was, and is, fully authorized to do a telephone business, and is subject to the provisions of the general incorporation laws applying to telegraph companies. *Chesapeake, etc., Telephone Co. v. Baltimore, etc., Telegraph Co.*, 66 Md. 410.

See notes to secs. 294 and 295.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 304. 1912, sec. 368. 1904, sec. 333. 1892, ch. 387, sec. 232A.

305. No individual company or corporation, now or hereafter owning, controlling, managing or operating any telephone line or lines within the limits of any city, town or village in the State of Maryland, shall charge, collect or receive, as rental for the use at any and all hours of the day and night, of such telephone and lines connecting with a central exchange, or point of communication through which conversation may be held, over all other lines connecting with such exchange, or point of communication, in such city or town, any sum exceeding six dollars and fifty cents per month, when one telephone only is rented by one individual, company or corporation, located within a radius of two miles from the central exchange, and one dollar additional per month for every additional mile distant from said exchange; where two or more telephones are rented by the same individual, company or corporation, located within a radius of two miles from the central exchange, the rental per month for each telephone so rented shall not exceed five dollars and fifty cents per month, and one dollar per month for every additional mile distant from said exchange; provided, that the individual, company or corporation desiring to use such telephone